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INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, EC, PINS

SUBJECT: BOMB ATTACK AGAINST CEPE

REF: QUITO 6033

1. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUGUST 24 THREE BOMBS EXPLODED IN QUITO CAUSING MODERATE DAMAGES TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF CEPE (ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION), THE OFFICES OF THE SIR WILLIAM HALCROW COMPANY, AND THE RESIDENCE OF RENE CRESPO, A LAWYER FOR OCEANIC CONTRACTORS. GIVEN THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE THREE TARGETS, IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT THE BOMBINGS WERE PROVOKED BY THE ONGOING DISPUTE OVER THE CONTRACT FOR THE ESMERALDAS MARITIME TERMINAL (SEE REFTEL). THE EMBASSY HAS NO INDICATION OF WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLASTS.

2. IN AN APPARENTLY UNRELATED INCIDENT ON THE SAME DATE, THE GUAYAQUIL HOME OF NELSON LARA MARQUEZ WAS ALSO BOMBED. LARA IS THE BROTHER OF REINALDO LARA MARQUEZ THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAYAS, WHOSE HOME WAS THE TARGET OF A BOMB SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

3. GIVEN THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE CEPE-OCEANIC CONTRACTORS ISSUE, THE EMBASSY HAS TIGHTENED SECURITY

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